

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of August 20, 2009 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claims 1 and 17 are amended to specify that different digital ink searching algorithms are specialized to different specialized formats of individual characters of the digital ink and that the digital ink searching algorithm which is specialized to the determined specialized format of the individual characters of the input digital ink is selected; and

dependent claims 2-16 and 18-23 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application as the amended features are described, for example, at page 14, lines 8-23 of the present specification.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claims 1 and 17, and claims 2-16 and 18-23, is not disclosed or suggested by Lopresti in view of Hull, because unlike the claimed invention in which the different digital ink searching algorithms are specialized to different specialized formats of individual characters of the digital ink, Hull merely discloses using syntactic, word matcher and elastic matcher algorithms on scribbled characters, which are clearly all of the same format.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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